IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A computerized transaction server having a processor for concluding contracts between a service user and a service provider, comprising:

a user interface with a number of data input modules which comprise data input fields for inputting data relating to the object of a contract, the user interface servicing is operable for service users by way of terminals via a telecommunication network[[,]];

stored data rules assigned to the data input fields; and

a validation module implemented by the processor and for checking configured to check data values input via the data input fields on the basis of the assigned data rules, for requesting to request corrections via the user interface on the basis of the assigned data rules and for generating and to generate a validation result, comprising:;

stored business rules assigned to one or more of the data input fields[[,]];

an evaluation module for evaluating configured to evaluate the data values input via the data input fields on the basis of the assigned business rules and for generating configured to generate a corresponding evaluation result, and

a number of different plurality of contract negotiation processes process units configured to indicate for indicating a contract price via the user interface, for requesting and receiving to request and receive an agreement relating to the conclusion of a contract from the service user via the user interface, and for storing to store a concluded contract[[,]];

a control module for activating configured to activate a first one of the data input modules, for activating to activate the evaluation module in the case of a positive validation result, and for to automatically selecting select and activate activating a further one of the data input modules or one of the plurality of contract negotiation process units processes in dependence based on the evaluation result,

wherein the plurality of contract negotiation process units indicate a contract price

based on the data value input via the data input fields and based on a first predetermined

criteria when a positive evaluation result is determined and based on a second predetermined

criteria when a negative evaluation result is determined.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the business rules in each case comprise rule logic and one or more rule parameters, ~~that~~ and

the transaction server comprises a rules database and that the rule parameters are stored in the

rules database.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 2, wherein

the rule logic is stored in the rules database.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the data rules and business rules are in each case assigned to one of a number of sets of rules,

the control module is ~~adapted~~ configured to select a set of rules to be applied from the sets of

rules in dependence on at least one data value input into a particular data input field, and ~~that~~

the validation module and the evaluation module ~~is adapted~~ are configured to check and to

evaluate, respectively, the data values input on the basis of the data rules or business rules,

respectively, of the set of rules to be applied.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 4, wherein

geographic data, user identification data and/or service identification data are in each case

assigned to the sets of rules, and the control module is ~~adapted~~ configured to select the set of

rules to be applied in dependence on a geographic data value input or a data value for user

identification input, respectively, and/or a data value for service identification input.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 1, wherein

at least one of the contract negotiation ~~processes~~ process units is ~~adapted~~ configured to

automatically calculate the contract price on the basis of data values input.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 1, wherein

at least one of the contract negotiation ~~processes~~ process units is ~~adapted~~ configured to make

the data values input electronically accessible to a responsible human representative of the

service provider, to receive data inputs from the human representative, ~~and~~ to ~~indicate~~

provide them to the service user via the user interface and to negotiate the contract price by

data exchange via the user interface between the service user and the human representative.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the control module is ~~adapted~~ configured to store the data values input, the validation result

generated and the evaluation result generated assigned to one another.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The transaction server as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the transaction server is ~~adapted~~ configured to conclude reinsurance contracts between an

insurance company as service user and a reinsurance company as service provider and the

data relating to the object of a contract comprises information on insurance products and

sums insured.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A ~~computer program product comprising~~ a computer readable medium ~~with~~ having stored thereon computer program code ~~contained therein~~ for controlling one or more processors of a transaction server for concluding contracts between a service user and a service provider, comprising:

~~in such a manner that the transaction server provides~~

providing a user interface with a number of data input modules which comprise data input fields for inputting data relating to the object of a contract, ~~which~~ the user interface ~~is operable for service~~ servicing users by way of terminals via a telecommunication network,

~~in that~~ storing data rules ~~are stored~~ in the transaction server assigned to the data input fields,

~~in that~~ checking data values input via the data input fields ~~are checked~~ in the transaction server on the basis of the assigned data rules,

~~in that~~ requesting, using the transaction server, ~~requests~~ corrections via the user interface on the basis of the assigned data rules, ~~and~~

~~in that~~ generating, using the transaction server, ~~generates~~ a validation result, ~~wherein the computer program product further comprises computer program code to control the processors of the transaction server in such a manner,~~

~~that~~ storing business rules ~~are stored~~ in the transaction server assigned to one or more of the data input fields,

~~that~~ activating, using the transaction server, ~~activates~~ a first one of the data input modules,

~~that~~ evaluating, using the transaction server[[,]] and in the case of a positive validation result, ~~evaluates~~ the data values input via the data input fields on the basis of the assigned business rules, ~~and~~

generating ~~generates~~ a corresponding evaluation result, ~~and~~

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selecting and activating, using ~~that~~ the transaction server, ~~selects and activates~~ a

further one of the data input modules or one of a number of different contract negotiation

processes ~~in dependence~~ based on the evaluation result, the contract negotiation processes

~~being adapted to control~~ controlling the processors of the transaction server in such a manner

that the transaction server indicates a contract price via the user interface, the contract price

being determined based on the data values input via the data input fields and based on a first

predetermined criteria when a positive evaluation result is generated and based on a second

predetermined criteria when a negative evaluation result is generated,

~~that~~ requesting and receiving, using the transaction server, ~~requests and receives~~ an

agreement relating to the conclusion of a contract from the service user via the user interface,

and

~~that~~ storing, using the transaction server, ~~stores~~ a concluded contract.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program product~~ readable medium as

claimed in claim 10, further comprising

~~computer program code to control the processors of the transaction server in such a~~

~~manner that~~ storing, using the transaction server, ~~stores~~ rule parameters contained in the

business rules in a rules database.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program product~~ readable medium as

claimed in claim 10, further comprising

~~computer program code to control the processors of the transaction server in such a~~

~~manner that~~ storing, using the transaction server, ~~stores~~ a rule logic contained in the business

rules as an executable program code in a rules database.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program product~~ <u>readable medium</u> as claimed in claim 10, further comprising

~~computer program code to control the processors of the transaction server in such a manner that~~ <u>storing, using</u> the transaction server in each case<u>,</u> ~~stores~~ the data rules and business rules assigned to one of a number of sets of rules,

~~that~~ <u>selecting, using</u> the transaction server<u>,</u> ~~selects~~ from the sets of rules one set of rules to be applied in dependence on at least one data value input into a particular data input field, and

~~that~~ <u>checking and evaluating, using</u> the transaction server ~~checks and evaluates,~~ ~~respectively,~~ the data values input on the basis of the data rules or business rules, respectively, of the set of rules to be applied.